

## Message Text

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LONDON FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: PDIP, PINR, PORG, US, VM  
SUBJECT: INDICTMENT FOR ESPIONAGE AND COMPROMISE OF DOCUMENTS:  
ACTIVITIES OF SRV MISSION TO UN

REF: STATE 026697

1. AMBASSADORS LEONARD AND MCHENRY CALLED ON SECRETARY-GENERAL WALDHEIM AT 4:30 P.M. FEB 1 TO BRIEF THE SECRETARY GENERAL ON THE STATUS OF THE INCIDENT. MCHENRY PROVIDED WALDHEIM A COPY OF THE WRITTEN TEXT OF THE ORAL MESSAGE WE DELIVERED TO SRV PERM REP EARLIER THIS AFTERNOON. HE ALSO SKETCHED THE OUTLINE OF THE CONVERSATION WITH THI, RELATING THI'S REJECTION OF THE ALLEGATION, REFUSAL TO ACCEPT THE WRITTEN TEXT OR THE ORAL APPROACH AND INTENTION TO EXPRESS HIS PROTEST TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL IN THE NEAR FUTURE. MCHENRY ALSO INFORMED THE SECRETARY GENERAL THAT A SIMILAR APPROACH FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES HAD BEEN MADE SIMULTANEOUSLY IN PARIS, AND THAT THE SRV REPRESENTATIVES IN PARIS HAD ACCEPTED THE WRITTEN TEXT OF THE ORAL MESSAGE.

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2. ZALDHEIM EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE PROMPT EFFORT OF THE US GOVERNMENT TO INFORM HIM ABOUT THE PRESENT STATUS OF THIS MATTER. HE ASKED WHETHER THERE WAS CLEAR AND HARD PROOF OF THI'S INVOLVEMENT. MCHENRY PROVIDED ADDITIONAL EXAMPLES OF THE EVIDENCE AVAILABLE TO US CONTAINED IN REFTTEL AND INDICATED THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD BE PROVIDING THE SECRETARY GENERAL MORE COMPLETE BACKGROUND INFORMATION IN THE NEAR

FUTURE. IN THE MEANTIME, MCHENRY URGED THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO KEEP THIS PRELIMINARY INFORMATION ON THE EVIDENCE AGAINST AMBASSADOR THI CONFIDENTIAL.

3. MCHENRY CONFIRMED THAT THE QUESTION OF THI'S DIPLOMATIC STATUS IS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE US GOVERNMENT AND AS INDICATED IN THE MESSAGE PROVIDED AMBASSADOR THI THIS AFTERNOON NO DECISION CONCERNING HIS STATUS HAS BEEN TAKEN BY THE US GOVERNMENT. WALDHEIM INDICATED THAT HE WOULD INSTRUCT HIS SPOKESMAN TO RESPOND TO PREDICTABLE PROESS INQUIRIES AT THE NOON BRIEFING FEB 2 WITH A SIMPLE ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT HE HAD BEEN INFORMED OF THE INCIDENT BY THE US GOVERNMENT AND OF THE US GOVERNMENT'S APPROACH TO AMBASSADOR THI. IN THE ABSENCE OF FURTHER DETAILED INFORMATION, THE SPOKESMAN WOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO AVOID UNNECESSARY OR SPECULATIVE ELABORATION.

4. WALDHEIM SAID IF HE IS APPROACHED BY AMBASSADOR THI HE WILL ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE US GOVERNMENT HAS INFORMED HIM GENERALLY AND HAS STATED THAT IT HOLDS CLEAR EVIDENCE SUPPORTING THE ALLEGATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE PUBLIC IN WASHINGTON. WHEN WALDHEIM INDICATED A DESIRE TO AVOID DETAILED DISCUSSION OF THE CASE WITH THI, ON GROUNDS OF LACK OF DETAILED INFORMATION AND THE BILATERAL CHARACTER OF THE ALLEGATION, LEONARD AND MCHENRY COMMENTED TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL THAT OUR ACTION WAS TAKEN BOTH WITH AMBASSADOR THI AND THE SECRETARY GENERAL IN THE CONTEXT OF SECTION 13 B OF  
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THE HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UN AND THE US.  
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